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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated April 30, 2004, the following response is being submitted concurrently with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Specification being on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.